



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm, but because of those who look at it without doing anything." ~ Albert Einstein

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Stuff-A-Bus - Dec. 2-13

During the holiday season, Bloomington Transit will partner with WCLS 97.7 radio and the Salvation Army to make the holidays a little brighter for children and families in need. The goal is to literally "stuff" a decorated Bloomington Transit bus completely full of donated, unwrapped, new toys, children's coats, mittens and gloves to be distributed locally. The Stuff-A-Bus event will kick-off on Dec. 2 at WCLS. Those wishing to make a donation can either drop off their items at the bus between Dec. 3-13 (see www.bloomingtontransit.com for locations and times) or at Bloomington Transit's main office. Volunteers will staff the bus in two-hour shifts to accept donations. Without this assistance, Stuff-A-Bus would not be possible! Minimum age is 18; 10 if with an adult. Please contact Brenda Underwood at (812) 332-5688 or bunder@bloomingtontransit.com. (www.bloomingtontransit.com)

Holiday Hoopla – Dec. 12

The Girls Inc. Holiday Hoopla on Dec. 12 is an annual family-friendly event held at Fountain Square Mall. Volunteers staff a variety of stations, including the pancake breakfast area, selling and taking tickets, assisting in the Children's Boutique, and helping children wrap presents, do holiday crafts, and decorate gingerbread houses. Volunteers will assist from either 8:30-10:30 a.m. or 10 a.m.-noon. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact June Taylor at (812) 336-7313 or jtaylor@monroe.girls-inc.org. (www.girlsinc-monroe.org)

Arts & Entertainment

Many volunteer opportunities are available at Bloomington Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, but right now they are especially interested in providing engaging entertainment to their residents. Book or poetry readings, music performances, singing, magic - whatever your talent, they have an audience for you! Other opportunities include assisting the Activity Department with one-on-one activity sessions and group activities, outside garden and grounds help, experienced painters, and general volunteers. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Karen Chapman at (812) 606-7295 or raykarenchapman@hotmail.com. (www.bloomingtonnursingand rehab.com)

Over 55? Get to Know Veterans while Driving Them to VA Hospital

The RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program is seeking volunteers to drive a van full of veterans to routine medical appointments at Roudebush Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Indianapolis. Volunteers choose one day a month to drive, usually from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., but there is flexibility and time off as needed. The van, gas, training and support are provided. This is a great opportunity to hear veterans' stories, visit with them, support them and laugh with them. Volunteers will be processed as VA volunteers, so will be fingerprinted, and given a TB test, physical and orientation. Please contact Mela Hatchett at (812) 935-2554 or rsvp@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Volunteer Advocates for Seniors or Incapacitated Adults (VASIA)

Volunteer Advocates for Seniors or Incapacitated Adults (VASIA) are community members trained and overseen by the Guardianship Program Manager at the Area 10 Agency on Aging. Once trained, volunteers are appointed by a local judge to advocate for incapacitated adults unable to manage their own financial assets or personal affairs. Guardianships are a useful legal tool to help people who lack the capacity to make decisions for themselves - such as those suffering from dementia or developmental disability. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Bert Clemons at (812) 876-3383 or rclemons@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/vasia)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra

Bloomington's community orchestra, now in its 46th season. To grant a wish, contact Donna Lafferty at (812) 331-2320 or bso.donna@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonsymphony.com)

Wishes: half-sized cello, upright string bass, clarinet/sax reeds size 2, rosin, polishing cloths, trombones, window envelopes, letter-sized copy paper, five-tier steel freestanding shelving unit (74-in. H x 48-in. W x 18-in. D), toner cartridges for Epson printer (676XL), gift certificates for Melody Music Shop, Lowes or Menards

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or purchase an item yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

